

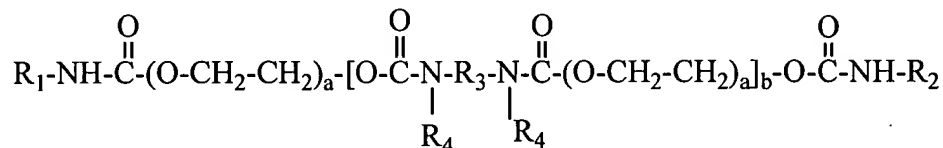
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A cosmetic composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium,

(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):



in which

one of the radicals R₁ and R₂ is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R₃ is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R₄ is chosen from hydrogen and C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

b ranges from 1 to 4, and

(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit,

wherein the composition is in the form of a gel.

17. (Previously presented) The composition according claim 16, wherein R₃ has from 6 to 10 carbons.

18. (Previously presented) The composition according claim 16, wherein R₄ is a hydrogen atom.

19. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the alkyl group having from 8 to 18 carbons is an octadecyl group and the alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbons is a methyl group.

20. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 19, wherein the at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane of formula (I) having the octadecyl group and the methyl group is obtained by polycondensation of hexamethylene diisocyanate and polyethylene glycol.

21. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane of formula (I) is in a solution or suspension in water, which also contains a starch modified to be water soluble, wherein said modification is carried out chemically, enzymatically, or microbiologically ~~modified soluble starch~~.

22. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit comprises at least one unit chosen from carboxylic acids, phosphonic acids, sulphonic acids and derivatives thereof.

23. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 22, wherein the carboxylic acids are chosen from acrylic acids, methacrylic acids, crotonic acids, maleic acids, fumaric acids and itaconic acids.

24. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 22, wherein the phosphonic acids are chosen from vinylphosphonic acid and styrenephosphonic acid.

25. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 22, wherein the sulphonic acids are chosen from vinylsulphonic acid and styrenesulphonic acid.

26. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprises at least one fatty chain chosen from monomers comprising at least one linear or branched C₈-C₂₂ alkyl chain and derivatives thereof.

27. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 26, wherein the at least one linear or branched C₈-C₂₂ alkyl chain is chosen from C₈-C₂₂ alkyl acrylates or methacrylates, and vinyl esters of C₈-C₂₂ fatty acids.

28. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one unit chosen from a fatty-chain monomer also contains at least one nonionic unit.

29. (Previously presented) The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the at least one nonionic unit is chosen from monomers chosen from vinyl monomers, olefinic monomers, styrene monomers, acrylic monomers, methacrylic monomers and derivatives thereof.

30. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane of formula (I) is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

31. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 30, wherein the at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane of formula (I) is present in an amount of from 0.5 to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

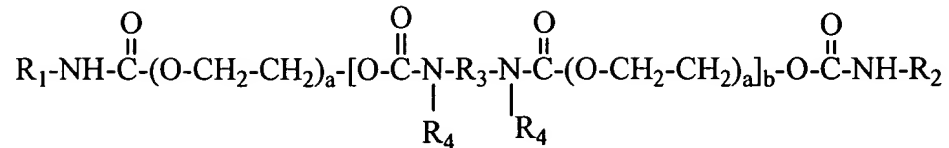
32. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one unit derived from a fatty-chain monomer is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

33. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 32, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

34. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the weight ratio of the nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane of formula (I) and the anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit ranges from about 90/10 to 10/90.

35. (Previously presented) A leave-in haircare gel or styling gel comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium:

(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):



in which

one of the radicals R_1 and R_2 is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R_3 is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R_4 is chosen from hydrogen and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl radicals,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

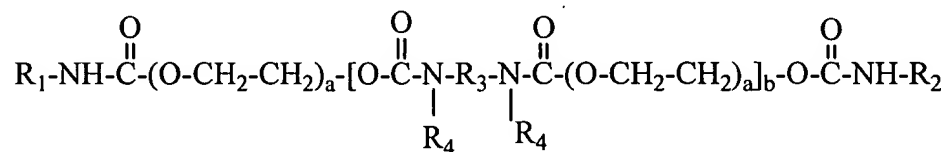
b ranges from 1 to 4, and

(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit,

wherein the leave-in haircare gel or styling gel is in the form of a gel.

36. (Previously presented) A process of thickening a cosmetic composition comprising adding to said composition:

(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):



in which

one of the radicals R_1 and R_2 is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R₃ is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R₄ is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl radical,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

b is from 1 to 4, and

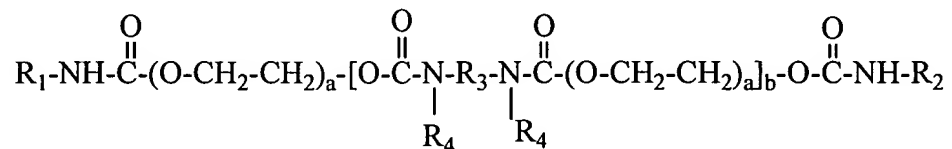
(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain monomer unit

wherein (A) and (B) are added in a combined amount effective to thicken said composition, and

wherein the composition is in the form of a gel.

37. (Previously presented) A process for treating hair comprising applying to said hair composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium:

(A) at least one nonionic amphiphilic associative polyurethane corresponding to formula (I):



in which

one of the radicals R₁ and R₂ is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbons and the other group is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbons,

R₃ is a hydrocarbon radical having from 4 to 36 carbons,

R₄ is chosen from hydrogen and C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals,

a ranges, independently, from 90 to 600, and

b ranges from 1 to 4, and

(B) at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one fatty-chain
monomer unit

and drying the hair without rinsing said composition from the hair,
wherein the composition is in the form of a gel.

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